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Applicants : Leung et al.  
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Examiner : Glenn K. Dawson  
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Title : BARBED SUTURE IN COMBINATION WITH SURGICAL NEEDLE

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO FINAL REJECTION**

This is in response to the May 18, 2007 Final Rejection that had a 3-month term that expired on **August 18, 2007**. A Petition for Extension of time for another 3 months, up to and including November 18, 2007 is enclosed. Since November 18, 2007 is a Sunday, the actual due date is Monday, **November 19, 2007**. Also, a Notice of Appeal is enclosed in order to provide the Examiner time to forward his Advisory in answer to this Amendment.

Although the extension fee and Notice of Appeal fee are being paid by electronic funds transfer and thus, Applicants believe that no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any extra amount owed or to credit any extra amount paid to:

**deposit account no. 13-4365.**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 27 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 28 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including 5 additional drawing sheets 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 is attached following page 34 of this paper.